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Editorial Comment

GOV. TUCK'S MESSAGE

There will be general approval in Virginia for Governor Tuck's message to the Special Session of the Virginia General Assembly. He cites figures to show the dire need of monetary inducements to attract qualified teachers. His statement that a study of the number of students in colleges now preparing to teach in the elementary grades will produce only 100 new elementary teachers a year for the next four years, and the complete inadequacy of this total in comparison to need, is truly revealing. A real duty and responsibility rest upon the state to meet the challenge of providing capable and well qualified, and adequately paid instructors. It is presumed that members of the Assembly will look with favor upon the Governor's plan to increase teacher compensation and do it now. Virginia has the money and no new taxes are involved.

As to the labor proposals, we are in general agreement. We are hopeful that no vengeful legislation will be enacted, for by and large Virginia has enjoyed better than average management-labor relations in the past. This paper has never looked with favor upon the "check-off" of union dues, nor have we believed that a person should be forced to join a union in order to work. The worker should be free to join or not to join.

SENATOR BARKLEY

An outstanding American is often overlooked in listing the great citizens of his time. We refer to Senator Barkley, of Kentucky. He succeeded the late Senator Joseph Robinson as Democratic leader in the Senate, and the dignity and distinction with which he discharged his duties in guiding his parties' many programs through the Senate, remain as a high standard for others to emulate. Now he becomes the "minority leader," as Republicans take over the majority role. The Democratic party and the nation owes a debt of gratitude to the veteran Kentuckian.

A NICE PAY ROLL

Many years ago, when everyone was "down in the depths" over the depression, this paper estimated the total weekly pay roll in Appomattox (town) at slightly over $5,000. That included state and local workers and officers and even domestics. We do not know what the total weekly pay roll is here now . . . it is, of course, several times that figure . . . but we are delighted to know that the pay roll of the Appomattox Garment Company alone is now $3,100 a week. That means an average of $34 per week for the 100 employees. This pay roll is a big factor in the life of the community, and it is just one of the many fine pay rolls in Appomattox.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

GREATEST THREAT

From Winchester Star

It is doubtful whether many Americans fully realize the danger lurking in the extravagant habits into which government in this country has fallen in recent years. Pleas for a balanced budget too often fall on deaf ears.

The cost of government and the demands of pressure groups for special subsidies and benefits have been rising steadily even in the face of a stupendous postwar debt. But the danger is too real to be ignored, as T. Coleman Andrews, one of the top officials of the General Accounting Office, recently pointed out.

In an interview, Mr. Andrews said that he regards "the inordinate heights of the cost of government—federal, state and local—as the greatest single threat to democracy today." There is sound reason for his warning. The cost of government already has risen to a point where taxes impose a severe strain on the nation's economy. If the burden continues to grow it may crush the system of free enterprise, on which the American economic system rests, even if it does not reach the point of another "Boston Tea Party" where people simply refuse to pay. Nor is there a way out through repudiation of the debt. That, as Mr. Andrews warns, would bring financial ruin and "make this country ripe for Communism."

The plain truth of the matter is that government must get on a "pay as you go" basis. It would have been unnecessary, in former years, to remind the public of this fact. Americans of an earlier day were aware that governments, like individuals, must live within their income in the long run. But the heavy spending and uninterrupted deficits of the last 15 years have had a demoralizing effect upon people and led them to forget that they must eventually pay for every benefit the government bestows. The time has come when Americans must face the economic facts of life or court the disaster of which Mr. Andrews warns.

"Lost Week-end" may get movie honors for 1946.

New Chemical Found Which Spots Presence of Monoxide

WASHINGTON.—Government scientists have developed a chemical detective which may arrest the homicidal activities of carbon monoxide, the odorless gas which killed 1,754 persons in 1943 alone.

National bureau of standards described its detective as a device smaller than a lead pencil which can spot less than one part of carbon monoxide in 500,000,000 parts of air.

The bureau said its device, "a colorimetric gel," can test a given air sample in about a minute. Its sensitivity to carbon monoxide is "more than 100 times greater than that attained by former chemical indicators."

Scientists of the bureau's gas chemistry section began searching for a good detector in wartime. It was needed to save lives in aircraft tanks, P-T boats, landing craft, gun turrets, and aircraft carriers.

Because the gas has no smell and produces no warning symptoms before it is too late, it annually kills hundreds of persons in automobiles, closed rooms with defective heating equipment, garages, kitchens, furnace rooms, factories, mines and quarries.

94-Year-Old Woman Is Almost Too Late for Boat

SAN FRANCISCO. — Said the 94-year-old woman, smiling sweetly at jewelry salesman Frank McAuliffe:

"I'd like to pick up that silver gravy boat I left here to be cleaned."

Said McAuliffe: "When did you leave it?"

She answered, "In 1902."

McAuliffe found it, too—in the basement.

Storm waves do damage in the Hawaiian Islands.

Uncle Sam Says

Ponder these facts, niece and nephew. In 1937 many Americans bought the Series C Savings Bond, similar in every respect to the present Series E bond which millions of you are now buying regularly through payroll savings or at your bank or post office.

During 1947 the Treasury Department will hand over $4 for every $3 these wise Americans laid away 10 years ago. The total payoff in interest is a staggering sum—over $100,000,000. Nearly 75 per cent of all buyers of Series C bonds held on to them for the full 10 years. You have the opportunity now to join your fellow Americans who will share in the Treasury Department's 1937 payoff of an extra dollar for every $3 you invest now in Savings Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

U. N. Is Offered a Home

New York will fight to hold U. N. if it takes Rockefeller's last nickel. John D. offered an $8,500,000 six-block water-front site to keep the United Nations in the big city. Aladdin has stepped into the picture in U. N.'s housing crisis. The only question is whether there is anybody in the United Nations who can veto a lamp.

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From Flushing Meadow to a Rockefeller center is one blueprint is quite a travelogue. One minute U. N. seemed like a forlorn G. I. searching for an unoccupied Quonset. The next minute he was having six blocks of New York's choice real estate handed him on a gold platter. NO cover charge.

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If there were long months when Miss United Nations thought New York was cold to her, she now must realize she is being suddenly pursued with 65,500,000 worth of love and six blocks of unmortgaged passion.

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Pa Knickerbocker might have let her go to California, but to pass up Gotham for Philadelphia . . . never!

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Pa knew that a city that could hold as many five-star attractions as it had always been able to hold would look clear-cutting a relection slip from an organization with a global audience.

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The proposed site has many advantages. It is located where the diplomats may see a poor-house from one window, East Side life from another, the very heart of New York from another and some society residential sectors from another. If the view doesn't give them a democratic intermingling of scenic effects, characters and types of living, nothing will.

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The rich, the poor, the middle classes, the "haves and the have nots"; the limousine and the subway sets, the people who have the veto and the people who merely have the corner delicatessen and Grogan's bar . . . they're all visible there on a clear day.

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The six-block area now is mostly the habitat of meat packers and slaughterers and is known as the beef zone. There are those who insist U. N. possession won't change that name.

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Any day you can stand in this zone and hear the doomed sheep bah-bing as they are led to slaughter. We commend the sound to some of the more selfish and obstreperous figures in U. N.

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Personally we are not too sure about a super peace center in the heart of Manhattan as a brotherly love influence. It seems to us that the world organization needs an atmosphere of calm, leisure and dignity rather than one of speed, traffic jams, general jostling and high-pressure chaos. We would say it would do better with a background less like big business and card-index efficiency and more like Bethlehem and starry night.

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Men engaged in the greatest job of history, the bringing of peace and the brotherhood of man to a blitzed and baffled globe need something more than express elevators, 38 floors of de luxe offices, special lighting, adjacency to the subway and an opportunity to lunch at the Busy Bee cafe between debates.

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Still a home is a home and it's nothing to sneeze at. And as Grant said, "Let us love peace"—every eight million dollars will help.

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GOING UP!

The U. N. on a winter's day
Fled the meadow, sweet with hay;
So swiftly was the lady's pace
She found a home near Beekman place.

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The U. N. subcommittee's enthusiasm for the Rockefeller offer of a home is so hilarious that it may be called "Hooray-dio City."

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On the other hand if those scraps between United Nations' diplomats keep up, the headquarters may have to be tagged "Sock-A-Feller Center."

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MESSAGE FROM PETTIGREW THE PENGUIN

dear sir colon all I hope is that with the united nations functioning in a great skyscraper center the dove of peace doesn't get caught in a revolving door period yours comma pettigrew the penguin.

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We assume names for the new U. N. center will be desired, and . . . that come to mind include . . . Arms and Concord Towers . . .

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for January 12

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THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—John 2:1-16.

MEMORY SELECTION—Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.—John 2:5.

The witness of John concerning Jesus as the Son of God had been attested by the divine knowledge of Jesus and his personal call to his disciples. Now the time had come for him to declare his authority as God by an overt act which all men could see and understand.

It is interesting to note that for this, the first of his miracles, he chose a festive occasion in the home. He had been invited to be a guest at a wedding (v. 2). Those who ask him to be present at their marriage may confidently expect him to be present and to add greatly to the real joy of the occasion.

The authority of our Lord shows here in three different ways:

I. He Commands (vv. 1-5).

He was neither host nor was he the one charged with responsibility for the serving, but when the time came for him to do his mighty act the servants were ready to obey the admonition of his mother and do what he said.

Mary may have had some responsibility for serving the guests. Why then had she not looked to the supply of wine? Apparently she who knew of what had taken place at the baptism of Jesus and immediately after, and having in her heart the memory of what occurred at his birth (Luke 2:14), thought it time for him to do some great miracle.

He was indeed ready to do so, but in his own way. "What is that to thee?" in verse 4 really carries the meaning: "This is a matter which I must care for in my own way," and he did.

We do well to seek grace to be like the servants who did what the Lord commanded, even though it did not seem to be a sensible solution to fill the jars with water. Obedience without hesitation and without question is the price of blessing!

II. He Creates (vv. 9-11).

The act of creation was already in the habit of meat packers and slaughterers and is known as the beef zone. There are those who insist U. N. possession won't change that name.

The act of creation was already a habit of great significance to him. He had changed the water into wine, the juice of the grape. This was not a case of adding something or diluting the remaining wine. Here the water, as he decreed it even without the use of a spoken word, was no longer there, but the best of wine.

Jesus was and is the Creator. He was present at the beginning of all things (note the "let us" in Gen. 1:26), and it is declared that "by him were all things created" (Col. 1:16, 17). In fact, "without him was not anything made" (John 1:3).

What he created was good, and good in fact, that the one in charge of the feast remarked about it. The Lord never does anything by halves, nor in a careless or defective way. He made a great quantity of wine (probably more than 100 gallons) and it was of the greatest excellency.

Some would read verse 10 as though our Lord were here helping along a drunken wedding party, but of course that is not true. The steward was simply recognizing the ordinary rule of serving whereby one uses the best one has until there is no more like it, then takes the inferior provision. To use this verse to excuse drunkenness is only possible for those "eager to mar, if by means they could, the image of perfect holiness which offends and rebukes them" (Trench, quoted by Lenski).

III. He Controls (vv. 12-16).

After a few days with his family and his disciples, he went down to Jerusalem for the great feast of the Passover. There he found his Father's house being misused and defiled. His holy indignation kindled, he spoke and acted with authority as he drove these "racketeers" out of the temple.

People like to hear about a God of love, one who knows their weakness, and is kind toward their infirmities. But we must not forget that God shows his love by a great and holy hatred of sin, and a desire to deliver us from that sin. This means that he must and will deal in drastic fashion with those who persist in their sin.

This is majestic picture. The Son of God and Son of Man steps into the center of this unholy traffic and with mighty, holy indignation (not anger) drives it out.

Why did these men who were so deeply intrenched and so eager to make money flee before the wrath of a lone man? It was only because they recognized divine authority. He has a right to control men, for he is God.

It is not a mere matter of reform, for here he was cleansing the temple, the very heart of the life of the Jewish people. He dealt with a present situation to establish an eternal principle.

We cannot help but admire this magnificent Jesus, but the question comes to us today. Has he been given his proper authority over and in our lives?

Produce Penicillin Without Using Mold

New Types Also Developed by Modern Process.

NEW YORK—The first synthetic penicillin, an achievement making possible entirely new types of this potent drug, was announced in Science, journal of the American Medical Association for the Advancement of Science.

The artificial drug, an important fundamental advance in penicillin research, was developed by Drs. Vincent du Vigneaud, Frederick H. Carpenter, Robert W. Holley, Arthur H. Livermore and Julian R. Rachele of Cornell university medical college at the New York hospital-Cornell medical center.

By chemical methods they produced Penicillin G—one of the main kinds of penicillin—which is exactly the same as natural penicillin grown by a mold. It is just as potent as natural Penicillin G, the type which appears to be most effective in the human body.

This achievement "opens the way to the synthesis of a series of entirely new and different penicillins which might be useful against diseases not affected by present kinds of penicillin," Dr. Du Vigneaud said. He explained that more changes could be made in the penicillin molecule's structure by the synthetic method than by the mold.

Only tiny amounts of synthetic penicillin have been made so far, he said, and much development would be needed before the synthetic process could be used to produce penicillin in greater or cheaper quantities than by mold growth.

Besides providing that penicillin could be made synthetically and in new forms, the research possibly might lead to a clearer picture of the structure of penicillin, which is not yet fully known. Just how the jigsaw of chemical parts fits together in the synthetic process is not yet completely determined. When this mystery is solved, the search for different and possibly more effective penicillins can be speeded up, Dr. Du Vigneaud said.

Furniture makers pr pose speed-up of quality and quantity output.

Architects study designing of buildings to prevent atomic blasts.

Tight collegiate basketball race seen in Old Dominion.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Jan. 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Farrar, of Roanoke visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar Friday. Mrs. Farrar returned with them to Roanoke for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Evans and daughter, Doris spent Wednesday in the home of her father, Howard Phelps, at Oakville.

Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. James Evans and daughter, Doris, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrette and daughter, Doris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodge were supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Evans Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gibson and family, of Washington, D.C., spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hodge spent Wednesday in the home of her relatives at Prospect.

Howard Austin, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conner, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Evans are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrette.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hudson visited Mr. and Mrs. James Evans on Monday night.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. W. E. Warriner is ill.

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Richwood

Richwood, Jan. 7.- Mrs. W. W. Fleshman and children were guests of Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mrs. Jack Hamilton Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs O. T. Giles visited with Jno. Moore and family Sunday.

Wm. Fleshman has just finished enjoying a week's visit with his grandfather and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell.

Bascon Powell and family have acquired and moved into their new home.

Floyd Smith is back at work after a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Clapp have established their home in Richmond, where Mr. Clapp is employed. He was recently from the Merchant Marine Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Cordell, Sr. were in Hillsboro, W. Va. the latter part of the week, attending the funeral of Mrs. Cordell's sister, Mrs. Gum.

Lloyd Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin celebrated at a joint birthday party Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pierce at Farmville. Neither would state their age, but it was admitted that the festivities were in recognition of another birthday for both Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Lewis.

Floyd Trent, who is on a 10-day vacation spent the week-end with his sister in Lynchburg.

G. P. Brannan, owner and operator of the Richwood store and service station, feels that he is the recipient of one of those rare and longed for New Year's presents. Having served more than thirty-two years in the Navy, more than six months in various Naval hospitals as a result of injuries received in the Pacific, and a further seventeen months awaiting decision of the various bureaus of the Navy Department, Mr. Brannan has at last been notified of a citation and an award of a Gold Star Medal, and under date of Dec. 19th, 1946, received notice of being retired with high rank attained during the recent war and with permanent disability. Although he receives no compensation for his disability, Mr. Brannan feels that the relief from suspense of uncertainties is a fine gift to start the New Year.

Alaska's Salmon Season Is Poorest in Two Decades

WASHINGTON. — Alaska's poorest salmon season in two decades and one of the greatest California tuna catches in history highlighted the nation's fishing industry as it swung into the final quarter of 1946 production.

Extremely low production in several major fisheries sent the pack of canned fish in the United States and Alaska during the first nine months of 1946 down to 386,530,000 pounds, eight per cent below last year.

Uncle Sam Says

You have heard people say, "why save at a time when prices are going up?" We cannot all be economists; and it is perhaps just as well, for they seem to differ a great deal among themselves about the future. But we all know this: A man who saved a dollar 10 years ago is better off today than the man who didn't; and other things being equal, the man who saves a dollar today will be better off in 1957 than the man who doesn't.

United States Savings Bonds offer you the opportunity to save at a profit. Thus every $3 you lay away now will come back to you in 1957 with an extra dollar in interest. You don't have to be an economist to know a good thing when you see it.

U. S. Treasury Department

FURNITURE CLEARANCE
In order to facilitate some changes we propose to make in our store, beginning January 4 and continuing for 15 days, we shall offer at a reduction in price our entire stock of Table Lamps, Blankets, Bed Spreads, Pictures, Scatter Rugs, Juvenile Furniture, Coal Heaters, a number of Upholstered Chairs and Sofa Beds.
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